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CASABLANCA FOR DORFELD

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC, NSU
SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT FOR RTC SEABEES

REF: A) STATE 118709 B) CASABLANCA 0536

1. REQUEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO ISSUANCE OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS TO U.S. NAVEL PERSONNEL (SEABEES) ATTACHED TO THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER, CASABLANCA. DUE TO THE EXTENSIVE TRAVEL REQUIRED TO ARAB COUNTRIES BOTH INDEPENDENTLY AND IN COMPANY WITH SECURITY OFFICERS IN SUPPORT OF REGIONAL SECURITY DUTIES, THE REQUIREMENT TO ACCOMPANY LARGE AND UNUSUAL APPEARING AMOUNTS OF BAGGAGE CONTAINING TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT, A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT IN HAND WOULD DO MUCH TO EASE THE ALREADY FRUSTRATING, DELAYING AND OFTEN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATIONS ENCOUNTERED WITH NORTH AFRICAN CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION FORMALITIES. ADDITIONALLY, THE TIME INVOLVED IN THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS FAVORS THE HOLDER OF A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT VS. AN OFFICIAL PASSPORT.

2. IT HAS BEEN RTC EXPERIENCE THAT OFFICIAL PASSPORTS ARE UNFAMILIAR TO MANY CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS AND ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ON THE SAME LEVEL AS OTHER

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COUNTRIES' "OFFICIAL" (OR SERVICE) PASSPORTS ISSUED ON AN HONORARY OR COURTESY BASIS. IN EFFECT, THE OFFICIAL PASSPORT MANY TIMES DOES NOT CARRY THE AUTHORITY NECESSARY FOR THE USER TO EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT HIS DUTIES.

3. CONGEN CASABLANCA AND EMBASSY RABAT ARE UNAWARE OF ALL THE CONSIDERATIONS THAT WOULD GO INTO A DECISION

ON THIS MATTER. BOTH POSTS CONCUR IN THE
PRACTICAL UTILITY DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS WOULD HAVE FOR
THE SEABEES IN FULFILLING THEIR MISSION.ANDERSON

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